

REMARKS

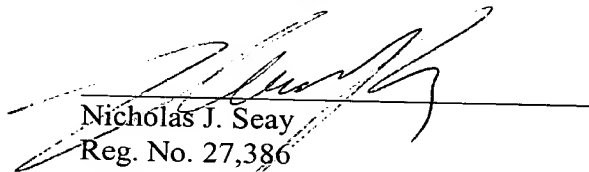
By an Office Action dated September 25, 2003 in the file of this application the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner rejected Claims 9 and 12 of this application on a variety of grounds. The Examiner also indicated, on page 7 of the Office Action that Claims 10 and 11 would be allowable if in independent form.

The Examiner indicated that formal drawings should be filed. They are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner indicated that Claim 10 needed to be in independent form to be allowable. This rejection is believed improper, since Claim 10 is in independent form already. The applicants have taken this passage to indicate that if Claims 10 and 11 were the sole claims in the application, that the application would be in allowable form. Accordingly, that is what the applicants have attempted to accomplish here.

Wherefore a reconsideration of the merits of this patent application is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time is submitted herewith so that this response will be considered as timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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